

At Lancaster Yards Demand High on Light Steers

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LANCASTER-JAN -9— Receipts this week were increased by about 550 head compared with last week's 3267 head count. Increase was partially due to the holiday last week and added receipts of about 450 head of slaughter steers on Wednesday market. The supply included about 60% slaughter steers and 35% stockers and feeders. Best action was again on slaughter steers weighing under 1200lb. Demand was good to most all buyers.

Compared with last week's close slaughter steers were mostly 50 higher and heavier weights were strong to 25 higher. Cows sold about 25 higher for the week. Bulls were steady to 50 higher with most of the advance on utility grade. Stockers and feeders were steady.

Bulk of choice 950 - 1250 lb slaughter steers brought 27.50 - 29.25 several loads and lot average to high-choice 1100-1177 lb made 29.50. Lot 1340 lb steers commanded the highest price, grading prime, at 29.75. A load prime 1400 lb steers made 28.50. Average-good to high-choice 1250-1500 lb steers sold for 25.50-27.50. Good to low choice made 24.75 - 27.50 depending on weight.


Few small lots good and choice heifers made 25.50-27. Utility and coml bulls made 23.25-26.26; good grade fed bulls ranged from 26-28. Cutter and utility cows brought 17.25-21.50 and coml cows made 21.50-22.50. Canners and low-cutters made 15.75-17.25.

Good and choice 800 - 1050 lb feeder steers ranged from 25.75 - 28. lot choice 1075 lb made 26.75. Medium and good feeders sold at 24.50-26.25. Good and choice 550-800 lb. brought 27.25 - 30. lots choice 575 - 585 reached 30.75-31.50. Medium and good stockers made 25-27.50.

Good grade stock calves sold for 29. - 33. CALVES Steady to strong. Receipts were about the same as last week's 691 head count. Trading was active. Good and choice vealers 30-38, high-choice and prime vealers made 36 - 41 and standard and low-good brought 24-30. Utility sold down to 19.

HOG—receipts were 600 less than last week. Barrows and gilts were about 75 lower compared with last week's close. Sows were steady to \$1.00 lower. Trading was active on small supply. U. S. 1-3 grade 180-240 lb. barrows and gilts made 19.50 - 20.50, a few lots No. 3 and weights up to 260 lb. sold down to 19. Hogs more uniform for weight and grade including 1-2 grade 190-230 lb. brought 20.50 - 21.50. Few lots mostly No. 1 ranged from 21.75-22.300 - 600 lb. sows made 14-17, but a few 270-300 lb. sows brought up to 18.

Sheep receipts totaled about 250 head compared with 447 head last week. Trading was active as wooled slaughter lambs sold steady. Good and choice slaughter lambs made 21.50 - 22.50, with a few choice 80-95 lb. lots up to 23. Utility and low good lambs brought 19.25-21.50.



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CHICAGO, Jan. 8—
WEEKLY REVIEW

CATTLE—Receipts almost 25 per cent greater than last week, which included a holiday, but five per cent less than the same period last year. Not much change in the consist of receipts with slaughter steers making up about 75 per cent of the run, heifers around 15 per cent, cows around seven per cent, and bulls, vealers, stockers and feeders all extremely scarce. Percentage prime steers less than the 15 per cent prime last week. Percentage choice larger than the 56 per cent choice last week, but good grade smaller than last week's 22 per cent. Not much change in the average weight of beef steers, the average continuing to run about as heavy as any time on record, with beef steers averaging nearly 1200 lbs.

About 35 loads western cattle included in receipts, most of which Nebraska fed steers. Slaughter steers 50 cents to \$1 higher compared with closing levels last week. Least advance on prime steers 1300 lbs. down.

In the first three days over 1000 cattle, mostly slaughter steers, sold to Canadian packers, heifers mostly 50 cents higher. Cows 50 - 1.00 higher, bulls around 1.00 higher and at a new high since 1952. Vealers strong to 1.00 higher. Stockers and feeders fully steady. Chicago wholesale dressed beef prices mostly 50 - 1.00 higher.

Cattle receipts for Thursday's sale totaled 1075. There also were 337 calves on the market. The steer market was very brisk on all weight cattle showing plenty of finish. Most advance was noted on light cattle, weighing under 1150.

Cow market on all kinds, except shells, 50 cents—instances 75 higher. Calf market very brisk on all kinds. Prime calves fully \$3 higher. Prime steers under 1200—\$28.25 - 29.85, over 1200—\$27.50 - 28.25. Choice, under 1100 - 27.50 - 28.25, over 1200, 27 - 27.50. Good, under 1100 - 26.75 - 27.50, over 1200 - 25 - 26. Plain to medium, 24 - 25.

Eight or ten loads prime 1100 - 1250 lb slaughter steers \$30 and 30.25, latter price for two loads equal to the late December top, which was the highest paid since last July. Few loads prime steers 1250 lbs. down, \$29.75. Load 996 lb. weights at 1200 lbs down, sold late \$28 - 29.50; same weight good and low-choice grades, \$26 - 27.75 with some high-good 950 - 1025 lb. yearlings reaching \$28. Standard steers 1200 lbs down closed at \$24 - 26.25, prime 1200 - 1350 lb steers \$28.50 - 30.

Good and choice same weights \$25 - 28. Choice and prime 1350 - 1500 lb steers largely \$26 - 29. Load 1506 lb weights included at \$27. Loadlots good steers over 1400 lbs sold down to \$24. Several loads 1400 - 1700 lb commercial steers, \$23 - 23.50.

Choice heifers, 25 - 27.80 good, 23 - 26; P1 to med 20 - 23. Heavy bologna bull 25.50 - 28; Good, 26.50 - 28.25. Good cows, 21 - 22.50 medium, 19 - 21, canners and cutters, 16 - 19.

Choice to prime calves 41 - 46, good, 37 - 41, medium, 30 - 37; thin, 16 - 24.

Jan. 7 Dairy receipts, Cows 57; bulls—3, heifers—16. Fresh Holsteins, \$400 - 440. Guernseys, 270 - 337.50. Other breeds, 250 - 325. Bulls 140 - 170. Heifers, 135 - 210.

Jan. 5 Horse and mule receipts, 121. Pared mules \$280 - 335; singles, 110 - 140. Fomies, 110 - 300. Riders 120 - 145. Drivers, 135-150. Heavy killers, 115 - 160, the 45 - 100.

Load 1400 lb utility Holsteins, \$22.00.

Around two loads mixed high-choice and prime 1000-1075 lb heifers late, \$29.25 - 29.50. Load 1,000 lb Dalgas \$29.25, highest since last July for straight heifers. Late bulk good and choice heifers \$25.75 - 23.50. Choice mostly \$27.25 up. Standard low-good heifers \$23 - 25.

Few standard cows, \$22 - 23, utility and commercial cows closed at \$18.50 - 21. Late sales canners and cutters \$15.50 - 20.00. Bulls \$17 - 19.50.

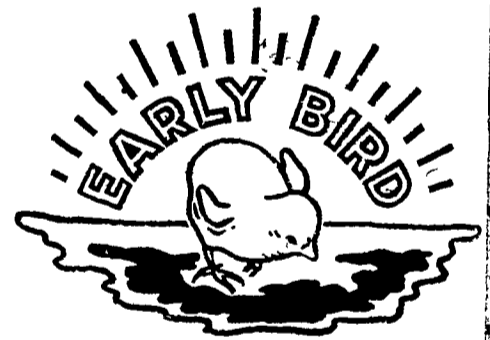
Utility and commercial bulls closed at \$24.50-26. Good vealers \$30 - 33. Utility and standard, \$20 - 30, culls down to \$15.

Load mostly choice 800 lb feeding steers \$28. Good lb weights, \$26.50.

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